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Mr. Michael Nixon Manager of Office of Planning and Capital Programming Maryland Department of Transportation 7201 Corporate Center Drive P.O. Box 548 Hanover, MD 21076

Re: Amendments to the FY 2013 Maryland Statewide Transportation Improvement Program, MDOT Control #13-115, 13-116, and 13-118

Dear Mr. Nixon:

The Maryland Department of Transportation (MDOT) requested approval of various Amendments to the FY 2013 Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) (Control#13-115, 116, and 118 dated December 12, 2013). The Amendments add the Delmarva Community Transit Veterans Project and operating and capital funds for Cecil County Transit to the STIP. Additionally, the Amendments decrease funding in the four year STIP period for the MARC Rolling Stock Overhauls and Replacement Project and the MARC Improvements on the Camden, Brunswick and Penn Lines. The four year funding decrease for both projects are included in future obligations that extend outside of the STIP period.

These projects do not alter any conformity findings nor interfere with any State Implementation Plan projects. Per agreement, a joint Federal Transit Administration (FTA)/Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) approval of these STIP Amendments are not required. In accordance with your procedures to incorporate the Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Programs (MTIPs) into the STIP by reference, these projects are part of an approved amendment to the approved FY 2013 STIP. FTA hereby approves the continuation of these projects as Amendments to the STIP. This approval does not constitute an obligation of Federal funds. FTA finalizes Federal funding for projects included in the STIP upon approval of a grant application.

Ms. Kathleen Zubrzycki, Community Planner, of my staff, is available at (215) 656-7262 if you have questions concerning this approval.

Sincerely.

Vida Morkunas, Director

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